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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 28, 2006

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Dear Examiner Shechtman:

This correspondence is being filed as a full response to the Office action dated June 28, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the appended arguments/remarks.

This Office Action response is being filed along with a request for a one month extension of time up to and including October 28, 2006 as well as a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed under 37 CFR 1.114. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the one

month extension of time fee (\$120.00) as well as the RCE fee (\$790.00) to Vinson & Elkins' Deposit Account No. 22-0365; Attn: MET580/4-1US.

RESPONSE

In her Office Action of June 28, 2006, the Examiner:

- rejected claims 36-41, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,449,661 (Frankel et al);
- rejected claims 25, 27, 29, 34, 35, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frankel in view of US Patent No. 6,542,075 (Barker et al);
- rejected claims 28 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frankel in view of US Patent No. 6,542,075 (Barker et al) and US Patent No. 6,173,284 (Brown);
- rejected claims 30-32 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frankel in view of US Patent No. 6,542,075 (Barker et al) and US Patent No. 4,847,791 (Martin et al);
- rejected claim 42 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frankel in view of Martin et al; and
- rejected claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frankel in view of US Patent No. 6,542,075 (Barker et al) and US Patent No. 4,847,791 (Martin et al), and US Publication No. 2003/0115023 (Nickerson et al).